

Happily, not quite all the money of Walter Musgrave's mother went to the lawyers : some of

fitting the position he would hold when the lawsuit was over, and the valuable home-property at his disposal. But his father died, and the funds he gave out before he had finished his intended course, and he found himself in the queer, tantalizing, poverty-stricken, brain-destroying condition which he described to him in a photograph and a thunderstorm brought us together.

When he first commenced his confidences, I was beyond expression dismayed. "O my prophetic soul, his great-grandfather! I mentally exclaimed, when he opened with a short biography of that ancestor. But by degrees I grew interested, and he had confirmatory documents to show for everything he advanced. At last, I was unable to conceive how it was possible to keep him out of what seemed so undoubtedly his own, but then I am not a lawyer.

Nevertheless, as soon as we were intimate enough for such a liberty, I talked reason to him, and he was willing to come up, leave the ruin to the care of Molly and *Dabble*, and look about for some method of earning bread and bacon for even as an unskilled artisan he would

He let his remaining patch of grass land for forty pounds a year; he got about ten pounds

for the apples in the orchard, and half as much for the honey in the beehive. *Did he not* know who was an arrant, but not self-seeking, poncher, occasionally brought in a rabbit or leveret, and that was what the last of the Musgrave lived on.

He owned that it savoured of lunacy to go on like that; that his best course would be to sell the honey and the apples, and to give the money to the poor. But he would not do that, for he could do at a fancy price, as his retaining-powers of the estate, and his knowledge of the position of it destroyed the compactness of the remainder of the estate, and make a fresh start in the world, but said that he simply could not do it.

"Surely you could make one vigorous effort," said the other.

"Of course I could," he replied, "if that were all; but after it was made—a week after, or a month, or a year, or five years after, I should be drawn back into this inherited struggle, and if I then had to bear the reflection that I had thrown away a chance, I feel that I should be certain that sentiment of remorseful regret would drive me to do it again. I might as well tell Lacombe to make an effort and wrench himself free of the serpents folds; if he could, they would twist round him again where he was weary."

So I never annoyed him with common-sense again, and indeed, after a little while, I caught the same old story.

stake, but I had it sufficiently to alter my ideas

struggle with fate in which my new friend-
ship was engaged. To tell the truth, I was in a
unhealthy state of mind at that time, having
been a victim of the cold fever which, when
they grow accustomed to it, often makes
men sulky with the world in general. M
ulks took the form of isolation tempered by
photography; and residence at Dowd, with
man bound to go crazy, a witch, and an uncan-
ny old woman, the sole pleasures, exacted
of me just then. There is a faintness
amongst the forlorn in love which enables them
to recognise one another, and I soon learned that
Musgrave had met a certain Mary, the daughter
of a poor clergyman who had acted as his private
chaplain for some thirty years, and was now
taking his degree, going into orders, and leav-
ing life of married bliss in a paragon on a hundred
a year; but he had to leave the University
abruptly when his father died and left him
disinherited, and nothing else. Then at first
he was so young and so desirous to offer his
Mary a better home than the one he had
pictured for themselves but after awhile, when
he had well studied the story of the family
failures, his love was but another wedge in the

I consoled him with the reflection that his case was far better than mine : his girl was faithful :

chance; whereas, I knew for certain that the heart of mine was a mere pop-gun, and that I had been shot out of it as another fellow popped in. But he did not pity me properly, for he considered that I was lucky in that she had changed her mind about marrying instead of after him, and could not contradict that.

But the cap of Muggrave's misfortunes was not yet full. *Dab*'le died.

Do you laugh at people who grieve for pet animals? I don't. "Only a dog!" folks say. Well, a dog who loves me is better worth my regret than a man who does not love me. I have lost a dog. Still more than full of men and women who do not still more than full of dogs. I sometimes attempted, and we are told not to be so sentimental, thought to the loss of an animal "that has no soul." Now, surely, if the death of dog, cat, or horse meant its utter annihilation, that is an extreme cause for sorrow. But there is no reason for such a view. Dead Butlers' animals, and never speak with their master's confidence again. I do not refer you to Plato, a heathen. Great, but Bishop Butler, as orthodox a man as yourself—perhaps more so.

Well, whatever may be the spiritual endowment of other animals, *Dabble* must have had some. At least, he reasoned, and certainly would have talked. His opinion of his mouth had been permitted him. Do you mean that his lungs were breathing-machine would have found out that his master wanted rabbits, without being told, and so brought them home when he caught

He took no medicine, he had no doctor and —

profession was slandered sometimes by the medical men, and sometimes by the laymen. He was short. He did not eat one morning, and the next, his coat was rough, and he did not lick it on the third; he went about mewing, and his eyes got filmy; on the fourth, he had convulsions, the course of one of which he succumbed.

We made a wooden box for him, and determined to bury him in the orchard, under his favourite tree, where he used to perch holes, and lie in wait for dicker-birds. It was a fine evening that we bore the box to this spot, and commenced our sad preparations. Musgrave, the chief mourner, took the part of sexton, and struck the spade into the ground. For a little while, the task was easy; then I came on roots, which delayed me. Hacking through them, however, I dug the grave deep, and deep, and we tried to carry the obsequies a stage farther, and we tried to carry the grave was not wide enough. I dug at the sides, and soon widened it; but then I locked too shallow, and I dug down a little deeper—not much, for I was stopped by some thing harder than a root; a big stone, probably. It was impossible to make any impression on it, and I was obliged to be content. I dug round it, and tried to get it up by heaving. Musgrave had to help, and then we disinterred a square iron box.

"By Jove," cried I, "I wonder if it is the iron

Murgrave flushed very red, and then turned
deadly pale.

In spite of the suspense, he put the safe on one side until he had lowered *Dabble* into its place, and which he exactly fitted, and filled in the grave. Then we took our discovery home, and wrenched the safe open. There was the parchment safe enough to consider, but not quite legible.

Well, Musgrave had not quite finished raising money for the reopening of the mine, so he sold the ruin and the orchard. The case was clear enough, now the missing link was supplied ; and he was at last admitted to the property which had been so long in dispute.

He married his Mary, did not cut out any delay. He married his Mary, did not cut out any delay when the increasing value of his freehold made him very rich, and was always grateful to *Dabble*.

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2-608 GREAT REPUBLIC—1-25 Lady Baltimore, Guil-
ding.

COPPER
100 GREAT DOWNS—250 COW FLAT
100 PHOENIX—1000 PEELWOOD
20 NORMANBY—150 PAAR, Brown, Conzole
200 COBAR—125 MOUNT PERRY
500 KROMBIT—200 BUCKLINBAR.

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50 SYDNEY (To close particular account)
700 KINGS SWAMP and 2000 WESTERN TIE
195 LAURE NORMANBY—500 BROADWATER
675 QUEENSLAND (gro. and con.)
25 WHEEL JOHNSON—100 WESTERN PRAIRIE
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Terms, cash.

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CLARENCE-STREET.
Opposite Welcome Home Inn, between King and Market
streets.

PITT-STREET,
east side, near Campbell-street, Haymarket.

RICHARDSON AND WRENCH have re-
ceived instructions to sell the following estates, situate in
the Town, Pitt-street, FRIDAY, 17th January, at 11
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LOT 1, CLARENCE-STREET.—All that allotment of
land, having a frontage of 10 FEET 6 INCHES to
CLARENCE-STREET, and 70 feet to a side lane,
on the south: on which are three SUBSTANTIAL
BRICK-BUILT PREMISES No. 163, CLAR-
ENCE-STREET, containing 6 rooms and kitchen,
with yard, &c., at the rear.

LOT 2, PITT-STREET.—All that allotment of land,
having a frontage of 10 FEET 6 INCHES to
PITT-STREET, and 90 feet 9 inches to a side lane, on the south: on
which is a commodious 3-STORY BRICK-BUILT
DWELLING HOUSE No. 443, PITT-STREET,
containing 6 rooms and kitchen, with large yard, &c.,
at the rear.

Both these properties occupy important positions in
the city, and can be claimed as good remunerative invest-

old on the above data. For further particulars apply to the Rooms; or, to Messrs. McCULLOUGH and SON, Solicitors, Pitt-street.

Terms at sale.

LEICHAEDART DISTRICT, QUEENSLAND.

FOR POSITIVE SALE.
To close a Partnership Account.

These well-known and highly-improved Sheep Properties, **NARDOO and SPRING CREEK STATIONS**, embracing five large blocks of rich grazing and farming country, situated about 25 miles from **SPRINGBURE**, together with first-class and extensive improvements, **settled paddocks**, and about 12,000 well-bred **SHEEP**, more or less.

This choice property, upon which a very large outlay has been made, **adjoints Mantarra Downs** and **Woolwind**, and the respective properties of **Mr. J. D. Moenagh** and the **Hon. Thomas Holt, M.L.C.**

PRELIMINARY NOTICES.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH have received instructions to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, Sydney, on **TUESDAY, the 14th MARCH next**, at 11 o'clock.

The above first-class pastoral properties, hitherto unworked as one, full particulars of which, as well as specification of the flocks, will shortly be published, or may be obtained on application to the Auctioneers.

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Plan in view at the Rooms.

ELMSIDE.
SOUTH KINGSTON, NEWTOWN.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH have received instructions to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on **FRIDAY, the 15th MARCH next**, at 1 o'clock.

That well-known **COMMODIOUS FAMILY RESIDENCE, ELMSIDE**, with about **ONE ACRE** of

on Kingston Hill, opposite "WOODSIDE," the residence of S. A. Stephen, Esq., and between the properties of Messrs. Alexander Stuart and John Gardiner.

Further particulars in a future advertisement. Titles can be inspected on application to JOHN DAWSON, Esq., Solicitor, Pitt-street.

Plan at the Rooms.

DISTRICT OF MARANAO, QUEENSLAND.

FOR POSITIVE SALE,
to those who wish to.

The following first-class Sheep Stations, viz. :—

LOT 1.—"THE KILMORRILL,"
comprising six large blocks of richly grazed and watered country, situated about thirty miles on the coast of the township of Roma, and adjacent to the Bendemere and Bymah rivers.

The improvements are of an extensive character, and consist of comfortable homestead, three stock washes, and splendid watercourses, well adapted to all necessary outbuildings for working the property with comfort and convenience. The **SHEEP PADDOCKS** are very large and well secured.

With this property will be secured

16,000 SHEEP, MORE OR LESS,
of very superior breed.

LOT 4.—"KILMORRILL."

This choice one sublease four large blocks of capital country, of a very interesting description, and well watered, comprising about twenty miles inland north of ROMA, and adjoining the well-known

THE above property is very extensive, and a large proportion of the country is enclosed by fencing, and divided into paddocks.

With **Kilnsey** will be sold
15,000 CHOICE SHEEP, more or less.

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Stores, Working Plant, and other belongings of the above properties to be taken by valuations in the usual way.

Preliminary Notice.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH have received instructions to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, Sydney, on
TUESDAY, the 6th MARCH NEXT,
at 11 o'clock.

The above choice properties, full particulars of which may be obtained at the Rooms, Pitt-street, where plans of the runs may also be inspected.

Terms Referable.

IN THE ESTATE OF JAMES MARTIN KELLY,
LATE OF RICHMOND, BARRER.

T. W. BOWDEN is instructed by J. P. Macchiesie, Esq., Official Assignee, with the consent of the Mortgagee, to sell by auction, at the Land Sale Rooms, 164, Pitt-street, on **THURSDAY, the 28th January**, at half-past 11 o'clock precisely.

The above and premises to be sold at the junction of Lennox-street with Cox's-lane, in the town of Richmond, erected by Mr. Kelly, and long occupied by him.

The main building comprises a double-fronted shop, fitted with counters and shelves, having a verandah on two sides; on the same floor are two sitting-rooms and kitchen; above the sitting-rooms are two bedrooms, and servant's room, over the kitchen.

The house is brick-built, the roofs shingled.

Detached from the main building is the bathhouse, with large floor, open air, all built of brick, and a fine stone-worked verandah, front and side.

In the yard are a well of water, a stable, and shade house.

A garden at the rear, with many fruit trees.

The land comprises one acre and 155 sq. rods, more or less, and is bounded on the north-east by 243 feet in length on corner-street, on the north-west by a line 250 feet & 6 inches on the south-east by allotments sold to Samuel Davidson.

Terms at sale.

CAMPBELL & CO.

MR. JOHN SHEHA has received instructions from Mrs. M. M. Winkler, who is leaving the district, to sell by auction, at her residence, on Campbell-street, on **THURSDAY, 4 January 1901,**

The whole of her household furniture, kitchen and dining

